

Executive Orders

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-22

Maritime Advisory Task Force

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. KBB 2004-55, issued on December 9, 2004, recreated the Maritime Advisory Task Force (hereafter "Task Force") in order to make recommendations on methods of promoting and protecting Louisiana's maritime industry and increasing the state's competitiveness in global maritime markets;

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 2005-4, issued on February 23, 2005, amended Executive Order No. KBB 2004-55, in order to extend the time period for such Task Force to submit its report to the governor; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend Executive Order No. KBB 2004-55 in order to modify the membership of the Task Force;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 4 of Executive Order No. KBB 2004-55, issued on December 9, 2004, as amended by Executive Order No. KBB 2005-4, is amended as follows:

A. The Council shall be composed of four (4) ex-officio members, selected as follows:

1. The governor, or the governor's designee;
2. The secretary of the Department of Economic Development, or the secretary's designee;
3. The chair of the House Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or the chair's designee;
4. The chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works, or the chair's designee;

B. The Council shall also be composed of eleven (11) members who shall be appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the governor, selected as follows:

1. one (1) representative of the shallow draft maritime industry;
2. one (1) representative of the deep draft maritime industry;
3. one (1) representative of the shipyard industry;
4. one (1) representative of the ports on the Mississippi River;
5. one (1) representative of the ports on the Gulf/Intracoastal Canal;
6. one (1) representative of the ports on the Red River;
7. one (1) ship pilot commissioned by the state of Louisiana;
8. one (1) representative of passenger vessels;
9. one (1) representative of the offshore supply industry; and
10. one (1) representative of the fleeting industry;
11. one (1) representative of the United States Coast Guard who shall serve in a non-voting advisory liaison capacity.

SECTION 2: All other sections, subsections, and paragraphs of Executive Order No. KBB 2004-55, as amended by Executive Order No. 2005-4, shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 3: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 18th day of August, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#035

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-23

Suspension of Special Officer's Commission Bond

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state, which have threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans, exacerbating the flooding, and posing further threats to the safety and security of the citizens of Louisiana, private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, although scores of people have been rescued, there are many more persons waiting for rescue and evacuation and there have been reported acts of lawlessness in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, law enforcement manpower currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement the law enforcement presence in the area of the disaster;

WHEREAS, the superintendent of state police is authorized by R.S. 40:1379.1 to issue a special officer's commission from the division of state police;

WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1379.1 also provides that such person must display the need for statewide police power and power to arrest, be bonded, and adhere to all restrictive stipulations, as set forth in the special officer's commission;

WHEREAS, the superintendent of state police has requested that the requirement of bonding of special commissioned officers be suspended temporarily so as not to delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:724, et seq., and more specifically R.S. 29: 724(D), the requirement of that persons issued a special officer's commission by the superintendent of state police shall be required to be bonded shall be suspended;

SECTION 2: The only requirement of R.S. 40:1379.1 which shall be suspended is the requirement of the bond and the proof thereof and all other requirements shall remain in full force and effect;

SECTION 3: The suspension of the bond requirement by a person receiving a special officer's commission from the superintendent of state police shall be extend through Sunday, September 25, 2005.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of August, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#036

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-24

Emergency Occupation of Hotel and Motel Rooms

WHEREAS, the state of Louisiana acknowledges the extreme disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina and the state of emergency the citizens of southeast Louisiana are coping with;

WHEREAS, due to the disaster caused by Hurricane Katrina, emergency situations have required the continued use of hotel and motel rooms being occupied by evacuees who were forced to leave the areas effected by the disaster; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, and R.S. 29:724 in particular, the governor is responsible for meeting the dangers to the state and people presented by emergencies or disasters and may issue executive orders, proclamations, and regulations which shall have the effect of law;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: All evacuees occupying a room shall be allowed to continue to occupy such rooms under the normal terms, conditions, and rates of the hotel or motel.

SECTION 2: No evacuee shall be replaced by a non-evacuee as long as the evacuee currently occupying the room is able to pay the nightly rates, including applicable taxes, or is able to guarantee payment through appropriate insurance coverage or by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

SECTION 3: The attorney general, state police, and local governmental authorities are authorized to ensure compliance with this Order for the amount of time the state of Louisiana remains in a state of emergency pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 1st day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#037

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-25

Emergency Evacuation by Buses

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, a state of emergency was declared and is currently in effect;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724(D)(4) provides that the governor, subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, may commandeer or utilize any private property if she finds it necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for mass transportation to move citizens to shelters and other safe locations from disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, given the current exigent circumstances, buses are the most reasonable and practical mode of mass transportation to move our citizens to safety;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Each Superintendent of Education for each school district in Louisiana that remains substantially operational following the passage of Hurricane Katrina shall contact the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency

Preparedness at 225-925-3916 and provide an inventory of school buses and bus drivers in their district;

SECTION 2: As determined by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, such buses shall be made available to be used as necessary for the mass transportation of Hurricane Katrina evacuees, accompanying law enforcement personnel, and necessary supplies to and from areas of concern to areas of safety;

SECTION 3: The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to commandeer and utilize such buses for such purposes;

SECTION 4: Each Superintendent of Education for each school district in Louisiana that remains substantially operational following the passage of Hurricane Katrina shall coordinate with local law enforcement agencies and peace officers to ensure that at least one peace officer ride in each bus and at least two marked law enforcement vehicles accompany every ten buses;

SECTION 5: The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall make efforts to work with the superintendents and local boards of education to minimize interruption of regular transportation of students;

SECTION 6: La. R.S. 17:158, relative to parish and city school boards providing free transportation to students, is hereby suspended until Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless reinstated sooner; and

SECTION 7: La. R.S. 32:402, relative to the requirement for drivers to secure commercial driver's license (CDL), is hereby suspended until September, 25, 2005, unless reinstated sooner. Notwithstanding the above suspension, such driver's must have a valid Louisiana or other valid driver's license of their state of residence.

SECTION 8: Executive Order No. KBB 2005-31, issued on August 31, 2005, is hereby rescinded and terminated.

SECTION 9: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#038

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-26

Declaration of Public Health Emergency
to Suspend Out-of-State Licensure for
Medical Professionals and Personnel

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state which have threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans, exacerbating the flooding and posing further threats to the safety, health, and security of the citizens of Louisiana, private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, although scores of people have been rescued, there are many more persons waiting for rescue, evacuation, and medical assistance, and many citizens have suffered or will suffer injury and/or illness;

WHEREAS, the number of medical professional and personnel currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement their number in order to serve those affected by this disaster;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:766 authorizes the governor to declare a state of public health emergency and to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the state health officer have requested that the Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel be suspended for those professionals and personnel from other states offering medical services to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state medical professionals and personnel possess current state medical licenses in good standing in their respective states of licensure and that they practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training or ability;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:724, et seq., and more specifically R.S. 29:766, a state of public health emergency is hereby declared.

SECTION 2: The Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel are hereby suspended for those medical professionals and personnel from other states offering medical services in Louisiana to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state medical professionals and personnel possess current state medical licenses in good standing in their respective states of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training or ability.

SECTION 3: All out-of-state medical professionals and personnel offering services to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall be covered by La. R.S. 40:1299.39, et seq., and shall thus be considered agents of

the state of Louisiana for tort liability purposes contingent upon said out-of-state medical professional and personnel possessing current state medical licenses in good standing in their respective states of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training or ability.

SECTION 4: All out-of-state medical professionals and personnel offering services to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall submit to the state health officer, or his designee at the Office of Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, a copy of their respective licenses and photo identification.

SECTION 5: The suspension of these rules, regulations, and laws shall extend through Sunday, September 25, 2005.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 2nd day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#039

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-27

Emergency Procedures for Conducting State Business

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina has caused unprecedented and extensive damage in the state of Louisiana and this tragic event has significant consequences on the financial conditions of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Cabinet members, statewide elected officials, and state agency heads are authorized and empowered to use their best judgment in purchasing necessary goods and services to satisfy the situation caused by this emergency and shall maintain, as much as practicable, documentation which includes vendors names

and addresses, goods or services purchased, prices paid, invoices and the emergency related reasons for those purchases. Strict compliance with R.S. 39:1490, et seq., and 39:1551, et seq. shall not be required.

SECTION 2: The inspector general is directed and authorized to monitor those transactions conducted outside the scope of regulatory statutes, orders, rules and regulations to insure that those transactions are directly related to the emergency situation and are prudently handled and if any inappropriate transactions are noted, those situations shall be reported directly to the governor.

SECTION 3: All cabinet members, statewide elected officials and department heads are authorized to transfer the directions, job assignments, personnel, and functions of their departments for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services as necessary.

SECTION 4: All available resources of state government should be utilized as reasonably necessary to cope with this emergency.

SECTION 5: Subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, private property may be utilized or commandeered in those areas of the state directly affected by Hurricane Katrina. However, no private property shall be utilized or commandeered under this authority without prior consultation and approval by the Office of the Governor.

SECTION 6: Evacuations and limits on ingress and egress to the disaster area are hereby authorized to be ordered as necessary by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

SECTION 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#040

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-28

DOTD Guidelines for Vehicles, Trucks, and Loads

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, a state of emergency was declared and is currently in effect and as a result has requested the assistance of other states;

WHEREAS, the president of the United States of America issued a National Declaration of Emergency on August 29, 2005, that includes the state of Louisiana, which authorizes exemptions from Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 390-399;

WHEREAS, the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida require that the movements of operators of commercial motor carriers traveling on the public highways of the state of Louisiana for the purpose of rendering assistance to the emergency relief efforts be expedited;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The following size and weight for vehicles on roadways maintained by the state of Louisiana shall not exceed the following limitations:

A. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty (40) feet, but less than fifty-one (51) feet, shall not exceed ninety thousands (90,000) pounds. No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousands (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousands (48,000) pounds in weight except with a permit issued by the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (hereafter "Department");

B. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with five (5) or more weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than fifty-one (51) feet shall not exceed ninety-five thousands (95,000) pounds. No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by the Department;

C. Maximum gross vehicle weight for vehicles equipped with four (4) weight-bearing axles with outer bridge spans of not less than forty-three (43) feet shall not exceed eighty thousand (80,000) pounds. No single axle vehicle shall exceed twenty thousand (20,000) pounds in weight. No group of two (2) axles vehicles shall exceed forty thousand (40,000) pounds in weight. No group of three (3) axles vehicles shall exceed forty-eight thousand (48,000) pounds in weight, except with a permit issued by the Department.

D. Maximum dimensions shall not exceed fourteen (14) feet wide, fourteen (14) feet high, and ninety-five (95) feet long on Interstate highways and fourteen (14) feet wide, thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches high, and ninety-five (95) feet long on non-Interstate highways. Carriers, owners, and/or drivers of any vehicle being operated under this Order are responsible for verifying in advance that the actual dimensions and weight of the vehicle/load are acceptable for all routes being traveled. This includes, but is not limited to, areas deemed by Federal, state, or local officials as inaccessible due to damages caused by Hurricane Katrina, overhead structures and/or construction areas; and

E. Any vehicle greater than eight (8) feet six (6) inches wide and less than or equal to fourteen (14) feet wide may travel during daylight hours only, beginning thirty (30) minutes before sunrise and ending thirty (30) minutes after sunset.

SECTION 2: The commercial vehicle regulatory requirements regarding the purchase of trip permits for registration and fuel for commercial motor carriers engaged in disaster relief efforts in the state of Louisiana shall be waived. This permit waiver also applies to such vehicles/loads with weights and dimensions not exceeding those described in Section 1(A) through (D) above. However, such permits must be obtained from the Louisiana Department and Transportation and Development for vehicles exceeding those weights.

SECTION 3: Nothing in this Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or carrier, owner or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein.

SECTION 4: Nothing in this Order shall be construed or interpreted as being applicable to travel on non-state maintained highways, or as being applicable to construction and building projects that are not in support of Hurricane Katrina recovery and repair efforts.

SECTION 5: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#041

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-29

Suspension of Special Officer's Commission Bond
(replaces KBB 05-23)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state, which have threaten the safety and security of the citizens of the affected areas of the state of Louisiana, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans exacerbating the flooding, and posing further threats to the safety and security of the citizens of the affected areas, private property and public facilities;

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-30

Emergency Filing Procedures for UCC and Notary Bonds

WHEREAS, although scores of people have been rescued, there are many more persons waiting for rescue and evacuation and there have been reported acts of lawlessness in the areas affected by Hurricane Katrina;

WHEREAS, law enforcement manpower currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement the law enforcement presence in the area of the disaster;

WHEREAS, the superintendent of state police is authorized by R.S. 40:1379.1 to issue a special officer's commission from the division of state police;

WHEREAS, R.S. 40:1379.1 also provides that such person must display the need for statewide police power and power to arrest, be bonded, and adhere to all restrictive stipulations, as set forth in the special officer's commission;

WHEREAS, the superintendent of state police has requested that the requirement of bonding of special commissioned officers be suspended temporarily so as not to delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:724, et seq., and more specifically R.S. 29:724(D), the requirement of persons issued a special officer's commission by the superintendent of state police to be bonded shall be suspended.

SECTION 2: The only requirement of R.S. 40:1379.1 which shall be suspended is the requirement of the bond and proof thereof, all other requirements shall remain in full force and effect;

SECTION 3: The qualification and requirements as required by the Louisiana Administration Code Title 55, Part 1, §1303(G) shall also be suspended.

SECTION 4: The suspension of the bond requirement by a person receiving a special officer's commission from the superintendent of state police and LAC 55:1303(G) shall extend through Sunday, September 25, 2005.

SECTION 5: Executive Order No. KBB 2005-23, issued on August 31, 2005, is hereby rescinded and terminated.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 3rd day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#042

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state, which has threatened the safety and security of the citizens of the affected areas of the state of Louisiana, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724(D)(1) authorizes the governor to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency;

WHEREAS, the filing office for Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) filings is the Clerk of Court's office, except in Orleans Parish where it is the Recorder of Mortgages office;

WHEREAS, the filing of UCC-3 and UCC-3F and subsequent filings are required by law to be filed in the same Clerk of Court's office (or Recorder of Mortgages office in Orleans Parish) as the original financing statement;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath, rendered several Clerk of Court offices and the Orleans Parish Recorder of Mortgages office inoperable and/or not fit for occupancy, rendering strict compliance with the law impossible;

WHEREAS, R.S. 1:55 provides dates in which the courts are closed due to an emergency situation are considered to be legal holidays;

WHEREAS, certain commerce can continue if filings are permitted to take place with alternate sites;

WHEREAS, R.S. 35:191, requires a notary public to be commissioned and bonded in his or her parish of residence and R.S. 35:202 requires that such notary file annual reports with the Secretary of State office on or before the anniversary date of his or her commission;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath has resulted in several parishes of southeast Louisiana being subject to mandatory or voluntary evacuations and thousands of residents thereafter securing temporary residency outside of their original parish;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State has requested that the governor suspend the requirement that certain UCC filings be filed in the same parish as the original financing statement and that such notary, with temporary residence outside of their original parish, not be required to file additional bonds nor be assessed penalties for late annual report filings.

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Until September 25, 2005, or the appropriate Clerk of Court's office becomes operational, all future UCC filings and subsequent UCC filings required to be filed in Jefferson, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Washington Parishes and in the Recorder of Mortgages in Orleans Parish, may be filed in any operational Clerk of Court office within the state of Louisiana.

SECTION 2: The residents of the parishes of Jefferson, Plaquemines, Orleans, St. Bernard, St. Tammany and Washington who hold a commission of notary in those parishes may exercise the functions of a notary public within the parish of their temporary residence without additional bonding requirements provided such notary registers his or her temporary address with the Secretary of State's office.

SECTION 3: Also, enforcement of annual report late penalties as provided in R.S. 35:202(B) shall be suspended against any resident of Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, St. Tammy and Washington Parish during the time period of Friday, August 26, 2005, and September 25, 2005.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect Sunday, September 25, 2005, until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 7th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#043

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-31

Emergency Evacuation by Buses

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other natural or man-made causes, to ensure that preparations of

this state will be adequate to deal with such emergencies or disasters, and to preserve the lives and property of the citizens of the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, a state of emergency was declared and is currently in effect;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724(D)(4) provides that the governor, subject to any applicable requirements for compensation, may commandeer or utilize any private property if she finds it necessary to cope with the disaster or emergency;

WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for mass transportation to move citizens to shelters and other safe locations from disaster areas; and

WHEREAS, given the current exigent circumstances, buses are the most reasonable and practical mode of mass transportation to move our citizens to safety;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Each Superintendent of Education for each school district in Louisiana that remains substantially operational following the passage of Hurricane Katrina shall contact the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness at 225-925-3916 and provide an inventory of school buses and bus drivers in their district;

SECTION 2: As determined by the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, such buses shall be made available to be used as necessary for the mass transportation of Hurricane Katrina evacuees, accompanying law enforcement personnel, and necessary supplies to from areas of concern to areas of safety;

SECTION 3: The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness is hereby authorized to commandeer and utilize such buses for such purposes;

SECTION 4: Each Superintendent of Education for each school district in Louisiana that remains substantially operational following the passage of Hurricane Katrina shall coordinate with local law enforcement agencies and peace officers to ensure that at least one peace officer ride in each bus and at least two marked law enforcement vehicles accompany every ten buses;

SECTION 5: The Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness shall make efforts to work with the superintendents and local boards of education to minimize interruption of regular transportation of students;

SECTION 6: R.S. 17:158, relative to parish and city school boards providing free transportation to students, is hereby suspended until Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless reinstated sooner.

SECTION 7: This Order is effective upon signature and shall continue in effect until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of

Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 31st day of August, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#044

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-32

Emergency Suspension of Prescription,
Peremption and other Legal Deadlines

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., confers upon the governor of the state of Louisiana emergency powers to deal with emergencies and disasters, including those caused by fire, flood, earthquake or other nature or man-made causes;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state, which has threatened the safety and security of the citizens in the affected areas, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005, a state of emergency was declared for the entire state and is currently in effect;

WHEREAS, as a direct consequence of the disaster and evacuation, attorneys throughout the state have clients whom they cannot contact due to the client's evacuation outside of their home parishes and in many cases, outside the state of Louisiana;

WHEREAS, similarly, there are clients who can not contact their counsel due to counsel's evacuation as well as the extreme challenges to communication networks resulting from the hurricane and subsequent flooding;

WHEREAS, in addition, attorneys from areas affected by Hurricane Katrina have clients and cases in parishes not directly affected by this extreme disaster, but because the attorney's office is either destroyed or not accessible, the attorney is not reasonably able to timely file claims or responses on behalf of their clients;

WHEREAS, La. Constitution Art. I, Section 22 provides that all courts shall be open, and every person shall have an adequate remedy by due process of law and justice, administered without denial, partiality, or unreasonable delay, for injury to him in his person, property, reputation, or other rights;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina has also rendered several of the court houses temporarily inoperable and/or not fit for occupancy;

WHEREAS, the destruction and disruption of services and infrastructure to our system of justice caused by Hurricane Katrina will have a profound impact on the basic rights to an untold number of persons unless action is taken to suspend the effects of the tolling of legal delays during the period of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana State Bar Association, the Louisiana Trial Lawyers Association, and the Louisiana

Association of Defense Counsel jointly requested the governor to suspend all deadlines applicable to legal proceedings, including prescription and peremption, in all Louisiana state courts, administrative agencies and boards;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: All deadlines in legal proceedings, including liberative prescriptive and preemptive periods in all courts, administrative agencies, and boards are hereby suspended until at least September 25, 2005, including, but not limited to, any such deadlines set for in the following:

- A. Louisiana Civil Code;
- B. Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure;
- C. La. R.S. Title 9, Civil Code Ancillaries;
- D. La. R.S. Title 13, Courts and Judicial Procedure;
- E. La. R.S. Title 23, Chapter 10, Worker's Compensation;
- F. La. R.S. Title 40, Chapter 5 Part XXI-A, Malpractice Liability for State Services; and
- G. La. R.S. Title 40, Chapter 5, Part XXIII, Medical Malpractice.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from Monday, August 29, 2005, through Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to such time.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 6th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#060

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-33

Declaration of Public Health Emergency and
Suspension of In-State Licensure for Medical
Professionals and Personnel Licensed Out-of-State
(Replaces KBB 05-26)

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state which has threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with the private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans, exacerbating the flooding and posing further threats to the safety, health, and security of the citizens of Louisiana, private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, although scores of people have been rescued, there are many more persons waiting for rescue, evacuation, and medical assistance, and many citizens have suffered or will suffer injury and/or illness;

WHEREAS, the number of medical professional and personnel currently available to the state to respond to this emergency are insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement their number in order to serve those affected by this disaster;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:766 authorizes the governor to declare a state of public health emergency and to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the Department of Health and Hospitals and the state health officer have requested that the Louisiana State licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel be suspended for those professionals and personnel from other states and nations offering medical services to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical professional and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith, and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:724, et seq., and more specifically R.S. 29:766, a state of public health emergency is hereby declared.

SECTION 2: The Louisiana State licensure laws, rules, and regulations for medical professionals and personnel are hereby suspended for those medical professionals and personnel from other states or other countries offering medical services in Louisiana to those needing medical services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel possess a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability.

SECTION 3: All out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel offering services to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall be covered by R.S. 40:1299.39, et seq., and shall thus be considered agents of the state of Louisiana for tort liability purposes contingent upon said out-of-state or out-of-country medical professional and personnel possessing a current medical license in good standing in their respective state or country of licensure and that they practice in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training or ability.

SECTION 4: All out-of-state or out-of-country medical professionals and personnel offering services to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall submit to the state health officer, or his designee at the Office of

Public Health within the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, a copy of their respective license and photo identification. Such persons shall contact the Public Health Office at 225-763-5762 or 225-763-5763.

SECTION 5: Executive Order No. KBB 2005-26, issued on September 2, 2005, is hereby rescinded and terminated.

SECTION 6: This Order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from September 2, 2005, through Sunday, September 25, 2005, until amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR

Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#066

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-34

Emergency Suspension of Certain Unemployment Insurance Laws

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, subsequently, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state which has threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, thereafter, a state of public health emergency was declared through Executive Order No. 26 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath has rendered approximately eight hundred thousand (800,000) workers and employers displaced from southeast Louisiana;

WHEREAS, in addition to the displaced individuals, there are thousands of individuals remaining in southeast Louisiana with which there has been numerous communication challenges due to the mass extended interruption of mail service, phone service and electricity;

WHEREAS, the evacuations, displacements, and communication issues as well as the inability of several employers to gain access to their personnel files has resulted in serious challenges to the administration of the unemployment insurance system, particularly to timely administer claims in a manner that is fair from both the benefit and tax perspective;

WHEREAS, the United State Department of Labor has worked with the Louisiana Department of Labor and has authorized flexibility on certain federal laws and regulations during this state of emergency so that unemployment insurance claims may be administered timely and fairly without raising federal conformity issues;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 authorizes the governor, during a state of emergency, to suspend the provisions of any state regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules or regulation of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provision of any statute, order, rules or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the secretary of the Department of Labor has requested, due to the extreme volume of claims to be processed, the suspension of R.S. 23:1553, 1541, 1600(2) and (3), and 1601(1), (2), and (7), so as to allow the timely and fair administration of the unemployment insurance program in accordance with his discussion with the United States Department of Labor;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The following statutes relative to unemployment insurance are hereby suspended during the state of emergency until Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless extended by subsequent Executive Order:

A. R.S. 23:1541 and 1553 which provide for a claimant benefits to be charged against a base period employer for purposes of that employer's tax experience rating and the protesting of such charges by employer. All such benefit charges shall be against the social charge tax rate and not against a specific employer.

B. R.S. 1600(2) and (3) which require that claimants register for work and conduct work search activities. Work registration and search activities are not practical for claimants without fixed temporary or permanent housing and verification of such activities is not practical in the many areas that continue to have communication challenges. Claimants otherwise eligible, shall be eligible notwithstanding the requirement to register for work and to conduct a work search.

C. R.S. 23:1601(1), (2) and (7) which provide certain disqualifications for otherwise eligible claimants. Such disqualification include reasons for separation, including a substantial change in employment by the employer or misconduct connected with employment by the employee and offsets for receipt of other benefits. Many separations are the direct result of the damage and destruction from Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath and not the fault of either the employer or the claimant. Also, calculation of offsets for benefits would unduly delay payment, given the volume of claims and the volume of employers without access to their personnel files. Eligible claimants shall not be disqualified based on the above identified Paragraphs.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature and shall apply retroactively from Monday, August 29, 2005, through Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to Sunday, September 25, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of

Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#067

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-35

Emergency Suspension of In-State
Licensure for Veterinarians

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, R.S. 29:721, et seq., a state of emergency was declared through Proclamation No. 48 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, R.S. 29:760, et seq., a state of public health emergency was declared through Executive Order No. 26 KBB 2005;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina struck the state of Louisiana causing severe flooding and damage to the southeastern part of the state which has threatened the safety, health, and security of the citizens of the state of Louisiana, along with livestock and other animals, private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, levees broke in the parish of Orleans, exacerbating the flooding and posing further threats to the safety, health, and security of the citizens of Louisiana, livestock, private property and public facilities;

WHEREAS, scores of animals have been rescued and many animals have suffered or will suffer injury, illness and/or death and are in need of veterinary services;

WHEREAS, many citizens, as well as those involved in the rescue effort, may have additional suffering caused by disease and/or illness associated with the animals in need of veterinary services;

WHEREAS, the number of veterinarians currently available to the state to respond to this emergency is insufficient and there is a need to immediately supplement their number in order to serve animals affected by this disaster, more particularly at the animal rescue shelters;

WHEREAS, R.S. 29:724 and 766 authorize the governor, during a declared state of emergency, to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for conducting state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine and the state veterinarian have requested that the Louisiana state licensure laws, rules, and regulations for veterinarians relative to the requirement of possessing a Louisiana license to practice veterinary medicine be suspended for those veterinarians from other states offering

EXECUTIVE ORDER KBB 05-36

Delay of the October 15, 2005, Primary Election
and the November 12, 2005, General and Proposition
Election in the Parishes of Jefferson and Orleans

veterinary services to those animals needing such services as a result of this disaster provided that said out-of-state veterinarian possesses a current veterinary license in good standing in his or her respective state of licensure and that he or she practices in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: The Louisiana State licensure laws, rules, and regulations for veterinarians relative to the requirement of possessing a Louisiana license to practice veterinary medicine are hereby suspended for out-of-state veterinarians who provide veterinary services in Louisiana to those needing such services as a result of this disaster provided that such out-of-state veterinarian possesses a current veterinary license in good standing in his or her respective state of licensure and that he or she practices in good faith and within the reasonable scope of his or her skills, training, or ability.

SECTION 2: All out-of-state veterinarians offering services to the state of Louisiana by authority of this Order shall submit a copy of their respective license and photo identification, as well as other requested information, to the Louisiana Board of Veterinary Medicine at lbvm@eatel.net, 225-342-2176, or fax 225-342-2142, for registration with that agency.

SECTION 3: The suspension of these rules, regulations, and laws shall extend through Sunday, September 25, 2005.

SECTION 4: This Order is effective upon signature and shall apply from Friday, September 9, 2005 through Sunday, September 25, 2005, unless amended, modified, terminated, or rescinded by the governor, or terminated by operation of law prior to Sunday, September 25, 2005.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 12th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
Al Ater
Secretary of State
0509#068

WHEREAS, "in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process," the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 18:401.1 to provide "a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of qualifying, absentee voting in person, and elections"; and

WHEREAS, on September 12, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the secretary of state certified to the governor that as a result of Hurricane Katrina a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans and recommends that the primary election scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005, and the general and proposition election scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, be delayed until such time as may be rescheduled in those parishes;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Under the authority of R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the September 12, 2005, certification of the secretary of state that a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Jefferson and Orleans, and the recommendation that the primary and general election in Jefferson Parish be delayed, and the proposition election in the Orleans Parish be delayed, the primary election scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005, and the general election in Jefferson Parish and the proposition election in Orleans Parish scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, are hereby delayed until such time as may be rescheduled.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 14th day of September, 2005.

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR
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Secretary of State
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